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2. U.S. Patent No. 4,455,373, issued June 19, 1984, to Higgins.
3. WANG et al., "Cloning, sequence analysis, and expression in *Escherichia coli* of the gene encoding phenylacetaldehyde reductase from styrene-assimilating *Corynebacterium* sp. Strain ST-10", *Applied Microbiology Biotechnology*, Vol. 52, 1999, pp. 386-392. (This reference was previously identified in an Information Disclosure Statement filed December 12, 2003.)
4. European Patent Application No. 1 213 354 A2, published June 12, 2002.
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6. U.S. Patent No. 5,233,095, issued August 3, 1993, to Fellmann et al.

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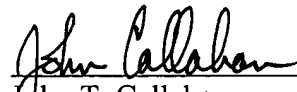
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